

for them when they retire. Congress has a moral obligation to keep that promise.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to help free senior citizens from oppressive taxation by supporting the Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act (H.R. 4865). I also urge my colleagues to join me in working to repeal all taxes on Social Security benefits and ensuring that moneys from the Social Security trust fund are used solely for Social Security and not wasted on frivolous government programs.

CLARIFYING THE HOMEBOUND DEFINITION

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 27 I along with 21 bipartisan Members introduced the Homebound Clarification Act of 2000, H.R. 5067 the companion bill to the Senate bill sponsored by Senator James Jeffords (R-VT) and Senator Jack Reed (D-RI).

This bill solves a problem in the current Medicare Home Health benefit that has created serious problems for Alzheimer's patients and our most frail, elderly and vulnerable Medicare beneficiaries.

Under current law, in order for Medicare beneficiaries to receive coverage for home health services they must be "confined to home". Current policy interpretations by the Health Care Financing Administration and followed by fiscal intermediaries are causing substantial harm to Medicare beneficiaries by effectively forcing home health users to be unnecessarily restricted to their own homes.

These restrictions impose harsh and irrational restrictions on patients and their caregivers. For instance, Alzheimer's patients are denied access to adult day services, which complement home health benefits, relieve caregiver burdens and delay nursing home placement, at no cost to the Medicare program. In another instance, home health services to a quadriplegic beneficiary who is lifted into a wheelchair and uses specially adapted transportation and is therefore not considered to be homebound.

The introduction of the Homebound Clarification Act follows the introduction of similar legislation Representative Chris Smith and I introduced in March of 2000, H.R. 4028. This bill was a more narrowly crafted version of the Homebound Clarification Act bill and targets patients with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia disorders only.

The Homebound Clarification Act is endorsed by over 40 health and advocacy groups.

This bipartisan legislation will help to improve the lives of millions of our most frail and vulnerable Americans. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to pass this important measure.

A SALUTE TO HENRY F. MOZELL ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor today to salute Henry F. Mozell for his years of invaluable service in Oakland's fight to alleviate hunger and homelessness. His retirement marks the end of an extensive and distinguished career as a champion for the less fortunate.

Born in Dover, North Carolina, Mr. Mozell began serving the Oakland community upon the completion of his service in the U.S. Navy. His studies at the University of California in Urban Studies advanced his interests in community welfare.

Since his initial community projects, Mr. Mozell has been an active supporter of programs developed to combat hunger and homelessness in Oakland. His commitment to providing innovative programs such as the Mayor's Hunger and Relief Program has earned him national recognition.

Among the many awards Mr. Mozell has received during his career are the Mayor's World Food Day Award, the East Oakland Hope Award for the establishment of a hot meal site, and a Project Volunteer Award for bringing farm foods to Oakland. Most recently, he has been awarded with the Global Peace Award from Oaktown.

His active role in the political arena includes his service as the President of the East Oakland Democratic Club, the Vice President of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee and his service on the State of California's Affirmative Action Committee. These positions are a testament to his continued involvement and concern for our community.

I proudly join friends, colleagues and family in honoring Henry Mozell's work, achievement and forthcoming retirement from a rewarding career.

IN HONOR OF JANE CAMPBELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jane Campbell, a Cuyahoga County Commissioner who is being honored at the Jewish National Fund's Tree of Life Dinner of September 13, 2000.

Jane Campbell is one of three Cuyahoga County Commissioners, representing 1.5 million constituents in the Greater Cleveland area. She manages human services, economics, and infrastructure development and redevelopment for the most populous county in Ohio. Jane Campbell serves as the President of the Board of Commissioners and also chairs the Violence Against Women Act Committee and the Children Who Witness Violence Committee. She is also a Board Member of the District One Public Works Integrating Committee.

Prior to her role as Cuyahoga County Commissioner, Jane Campbell served six terms in the Ohio House of Representatives. During her time there, she was elected Majority Whip and Minority Assistant Leader by her colleagues.

Jane Campbell is an outstanding leader and public servant. She has dedicated herself to serving the people of Ohio and should be commended for her exemplary record of service. Jane Campbell is truly a committed and admirable woman.

My fellow colleagues, please join with me in paying tribute to Jane Campbell as she is honored for her devotion and service by the Jewish National Fund at the 2000 Tree of Life dinner in September.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and express my deepest gratitude to the thousands of individuals and victims throughout our nation, who have worked diligently to build and to extend the mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, MADD, is a non-profit grass roots organization with more than 600 chapters nationwide and a presence around the world. Today, this worthy organization celebrates and remembers its 20th anniversary. Founded by a small group of California women in 1980 after a 13-year-old-girl was killed by a hit-and-run, repeat offender, MADD continues to work to find effective solutions to the drunk driving and underage drinking problems, while supporting those who have already experienced the pain of these senseless crimes.

Thanks to the support of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, our roads and highways are today much safer. Due to their efforts, alcohol related traffic deaths have dropped, victim assistance institutes have been created to train volunteers on how to support victims of drunk driving and how to serve as their advocates in the criminal justice system, and in advocating important legislation, such as the Omnibus Anti-Drug Abuse Act, which has been enacted.

Mr. Speaker, drunk driving is not an accident. Along with my friends in MADD, I will continue to work to pass .08 BAC legislation and to reduce the number of alcohol related deaths throughout our Nation. I thank the Mothers Against Drunk Driving. I support them, and I urge all of our colleagues to applaud their efforts over the past 20 years and in all of their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH A. BARTOSZEK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember Joseph Bartoszek, a man who